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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS ON PROGRESS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

1. AHRAM JULY 14 BANNER HEADLINES "ISRAEL TRIES TO PROCRASTINATE ON SINAI WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT: EGYPT PREFERS TO GO DIRECTLY TO GENEVA TO DISCUSS WHOLE ISSUE." OTHER TWO PAPERS BANNER SIMILAR HEADLINES. IN ACCOMPANYING AHRAM REPORT, POLITICAL EDITOR WRITES THAT EGYPT HAS NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL REPORT FROM WASHINGTON ON RESULTS OF KISSINGER/RABIN TALKS, BUT "NEWS AGENCY REPORTS FROM VARIOUS CAPITALS INDICATE ISRAEL IS NOW TRYING TO MANEUVER TO PROCRASTINATE IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW FROM SINAI". STORY GOES ON TO REPORT THAT "RESPONSIBLE EGYPTIAN CIRCLES" WILL NOT ALLOW ISRAEL TO SUCCEED IN THIS PLAN; EGYPT WILL GO STRAIGHT TO GENEVA TO SETTLE ENTIRE ISSUE.

2. QUOTING RESPONSIBLE BRITISH SOURCES AND NEWS AGENCIES, AHRAM LISTS SIX POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT REMAINING IN PEACE TALKS:

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A) ISRAEL WANTS A CLEAR-CUT DECLARATION BY EGYPT ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERANCY FOR FIVE YEARS, BUT EGYPT CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THIS. EGYPT IS READY NOT TO RESORT TO MILITARY ACTION FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING THREE YEARS SO LONG AS MOVEMENT TOWARDS PEACE IS MAINTAINED.

B) ISRAEL ASKED FOR GURANTEES THAT EGYPT WOULD WITHDRAW FROM ARAB BOYCOTT OF COMPANIES WHICH HAVE DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL; EGYPT REFUSES.

C) ISRAEL WANTS AMERICA TO COMPENSATE HER FOR THE OIL SHE WILL LOSE BY WITHDRAWING FROM ABU RUDAIS OILFIELDS.

D) ISRAEL WANTS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ELECTRONIC WARNING. SHE HAS ALREADY ET UP A BIG RADAR STATION IN THE PASSES TO FOREWARN HER OF ANY ATTACK.

E) DEFINITION OF A CLEAR LINE OF WITHDRAWAL BEYOND THE PASSES. ISRAEL STILL WANTS TO KEEP HER CONTROL OVER THE EASTERN APPROACHES.

F) KISSINGER HAS NOT SO FAR GIVEN ISRAEL SPECIFIC CLARIFICATIONS ON WHAT MLITARY AND ECONOMIC AID WILL BE FURNISHED BY AMERICA.

3. GUMHURIYYA JULY 14 QUOTING ISRAELI SOURCES (THROUGH NEWS AGENCIES) REPORTS THAT IF AMBASSADOR DINITZ RETURNS TO WASHINGTON CARRYING COMPLETE PLAN, SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL UNDERTAKE TO CONVEY PLAN IN PERSON TO EGYPT BEFORE JULY 24, DATE UNEF MANDATE WILL EXPIRE. REPORT CONTINUES THAT, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE NO REMARKS UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, SOURCE ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY SAID KISSINGER HAD CONVINCED RABIN TO WITHDRAW TO NEW LINE IN SINAI AND HAD PROMISED US AID FOR ISRAEL.
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